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STRENGTHENING THE TIES ...

Airman 1st Class Dustin Warren (far right), 90th Security Forces Group, greets members of the Russian delegation here on April 8. The delegation visited the base as part of a U.S.-Russian presidential initiative to expand and deepen cooperation on nuclear security.

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Sacrifice is a privilege

Maj. John Stublar

90th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander

Last November, I was asked to speak to the school in Chugwater, Wyo., about sacrifice in the profession of arms. There's nothing quite like trying to capture the attention of schoolchildren packed into a gym, anxious to get to lunch or recess, and focused on just about anything but the guest speaker.

It was a daunting task, but one that I enjoyed. It made me consider what servicemembers give to help protect our country. I've had several months to reflect on what I said, and after seeing my Airmen return from a deployment with the Army, I realize more than ever what a privilege I have to help defend this great country.

That day I began with some definitions, and I will do so again. I'll define patriotism as the love and devotion to the welfare of one's country, and the willingness to sacrifice for it. I'll define sacrifice as giving up something of high value for the sake of something of greater value. Lastly, I'll define privilege as a benefit enjoyed by an individual. My theme that day was the types of sacrifices we make in the profession of arms to protect our country, and I'll elaborate on those with the benefit of hindsight.

I would like to make an important distinction at this point. We're not simply in the military. We don't just have jobs. We're members of the profession of arms, and as such, we are held to a higher standard of conduct than the citizens we defend. For example, when you enter the military, whether you enlist or are commissioned, you take an oath. It's pretty simple. You're not pledging allegiance to an individual, but swearing that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. So once you're in the service, you're committed. As members of the profession of arms,

that's the first sacrifice we make to help protect our country. We can't withdraw our labor when we wish.

Since we're a committed force defending the country, that entails leaving our families at times. Now, civilians throughout the country may travel as part of their jobs, but in the military we're away from home for months or even a year at a time. If you've never deployed, imagine feeling helpless when your child is diagnosed with a disease while you're halfway around the world; the guilt you feel as your spouse has to be both mom and dad to your children; the utter feeling of helplessness as life continues on without you. These are just some of the small sacrifices we make on a continual basis.

Now I'd like to switch gears for a moment. I've given you my thoughts on the servicemember's sacrifice, but what of the family's? How can the family have a stable life continually moving every two to three years, changing schools, homes, cities, climates and friends? It's not just one family that's affected, but the community as a whole. My children aren't just affected when we move, but when their friends move away during the summer as well. My wife is affected by having to put her career on hold while we move from location to location, or to take jobs that are out of her specialty. The moving alone every few years takes its toll.

These are some of the usual sacrifices that military members and families make on a daily basis, but I haven't mentioned the biggest and most important sacrifice of all. If I've painted a bleak picture of these sacrifices, it pales in comparison to what we call the ultimate sacrifice, to kill or be killed for something in which we may have no person-

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Me and my Airman

1st Lt. Nicole Walters
Public affairs

We both wear the uniform, and we work together in the Public Affairs office, but sometimes I wonder if we really are from the same planet.

I had to explain to her what "vinyl" was and the difference between a "33" and a "45". ("Vinyl" was what "records" were made out of, and "33" and "45" was the rotation the "record player" spun them. Also, "DJ" stood for "disc jockey" or the person who "cued" the "records".)

She had to explain to me what an "iPOD" is. It's this who-see-what's-it that holds the songs on this teeny thingamabob. I pretended to understand.

I remember the finale of M.A.S.H., the premiere of MTV (By the way, the first video played was "Video Killed the Radio Star" by the Buggles.) and when a remote control was sending us kids to the television to change the channel.

She got me onto Punk'd, Vin Diesel and texting.

I remember Commodore 64, Zork and Pong.

She hasn't lived in a world without calculators, laptops and the Internet.

I remember the fall of the Berlin Wall, the end of the Cold War and sub-

sequent collapse of the U.S.S.R.

She only knows the Russians as the people that visit during the START inspections.

I remember Ruby Ridge, Waco and Oklahoma City.

She remembers Oklahoma City.

That's when our memories intersect.

What makes us different is our memories and our actions.

What makes us the same is our emotional responses to those events and memories.

We remember, and we chose to join the Air Force with the hopes our children would never have to remember seeing buildings collapse with people inside them--because it wouldn't happen to them.

The firefighter holding the baby in OKC, the firefighters raising the flag at Ground Zero and the countless photos of deployed troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and Thailand.

Humanity intertwines us.

It's funny, I remember having this conversation 10 years ago with some old person trying explain old stuff to me, and I know my Airman will be in my shoes in 10 years.

What she doesn't realize is it's not the iPod, Punk'd or texting that I'll remember, it's her.

— Warren —
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Commentary

Get recognized: Warren Sentinel speaks

1st Lt. Darrick Lee
Public affairs

Oh, hey! It's you again. You haven't picked me up in a long time. You must be pulling late-night duty again ... because that's the only time you read me. It's OK, you can admit it. You only read the paper when you're bored on duty or stuck waiting in the medical clinic.

Don't feel bad. My feelings aren't hurt. I'm grateful any time you pick me up. One reading is better than none.

But I am kind of curious. Why is it that you don't read me more often? My friends in the public affairs office, who put me together each week, would like to know that too.

I bet you think I'm boring. I've heard it before. "There's nothing good in here," they say. "It's just a bunch of officers' rants sprinkled with a few don't-drink-and-drive public service announcements." Well you might be right, but if you are, it's your fault. That's right, I said it! You are the reason I'm not full of stuff that interests you.

You need to become a unit public affairs representative. It's the best way to fill me up with stuff you want to read about. It gets you some recognition in the process. UPARs help the PA office reach people. Your commander needs you to let folks know what your unit is up to, and who better to tell your story than, well, you?

What's with the wrinkled face? Oh, I know ... you're thinking that there's no way

you are going to be a UPAR. I can already think of the top three reasons why you don't think you can be a UPAR:

The excuse I hear most often is: "I'm too busy to go around playing reporter; I don't have time to write stories for the paper."

People also say things like: "I'm not the writing type. I'm better at wielding a rifle/wrench/spatula than a pen. The only thing I know about photography is that you press a button, and a picture comes out of the Polaroid Instamatic."

And then, there's the old excuse: "I'm just a (insert boring job here.) Nobody cares about what we do anyway."

I've heard them all. But, read on ... I'll tell you why those excuses don't hold any weight. Maybe the next time you pick me up, it won't be to help numb yourself while waiting in dental for a root canal.

So about your first counter-argument, your time. You're busy, I know. Isn't everyone? Too often, people think that being a UPAR takes a lot of extra work. The beauty of the UPAR program is that it doesn't take a lot of time from your schedule. The secret is to just document whatever you are already doing, and tell PA about it. All you've got to do is keep me in mind while doing whatever it is that you do.

"An effective UPAR doesn't wait for PA to ask for inputs," said Airman 1st Class Connor Elayan, edi-

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— Airman 1st Class Connor Elayan, Warren Sentinel editor

tor of the Warren Sentinel. "They'll initiate interest in what the unit is doing."

If you've got time to go to work, you've got the makings of a potential story.

Let's move on to the second counter-argument. You might be thinking that even if you have the time, you're just not good at writing. You're not alone. Many people don't like to write for fear of their work being judged. Others worry that they'll unknowingly write something that will anger the big brass.

Here's secret number two: you don't have to be a good writer. PA can turn your story into literary gold — and you get all the credit!

As the Sentinel editor, Airman Elayan knows how to get people to contribute.

"I don't want to say I bribe people, but the carrot I dangle in front of them is the byline," said Airman Elayan. "I tell them we'll put their name in the paper."

The byline is that little line of text that tells a reader who wrote the story.

Besides the text in a story, photographs help readers visualize what you're talking

about. Don't worry if you're not a natural born shutterbug. Your PA office has photographers and camera equipment. Just tell them about your story idea, and help them get access to you or your unit. They'll take all the pictures they need for a great story. Or, if you happen to already have a picture that complements your idea, share it with PA. That way, you'll get a byline and photo credit. (See? You're already a reporter.)

The third most common argument for not becoming a UPAR is that you think folks don't care about what you do. You think that just because you're not a Navy SEAL or an Air Force pilot that no one's going to bother reading about your "boring" job. This couldn't be further from the truth.

There are lots of people who share the same interests you do, and if they don't, then that's all the more reason to write the story! Do you work in finance? You could try writing about military pay. (Who isn't interested in their paychecks?) Or, maybe you're the unit drug testing official. (Urinalysis testing? C'mon ...

that story writes itself.) The real point is that people may care if you bother to tell them what to care about. But one thing is for sure: if you don't tell them, they won't.

Some units don't realize this, and blame PA for their lack of recognition. Airman Elayan remembers being blamed for the public's perceived lack of interest in a unit or activity. When Warren commanders blame PA, Airman Elayan turns the tables on them.

"I usually respond out of honest ignorance, 'Sir/Ma'am, we [PA] didn't know about your event, and no one from your unit contacted us about it. How 'bout we look into doing a story?'"

That's her way of telling the commander the same thing I'm telling you. If you want people to care; if you want me to be filled with stories you really want to read, you need to become a UPAR.

Call the public affairs office first thing in the morning at 773-3381. Tell them you want some help writing a story that will be worthy of printing.

I look forward seeing your name on my pages.

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al interest. General Sir John Hackett called this the "contract of unlimited liability."

The greatest honor for any service member is to command the sons and daughters of America, and it is a particular honor to do so when our nation is at war. The nation has entrusted me, as a commander, with their very lives, and I may have to order them into combat to defend our nation's interests. In fact, 16 of my Airmen have recently returned from

convoy duty in Iraq, a mission they weren't ever expected to perform. But they did so admirably. Two returned with Bronze Stars and one returned with a Purple Heart. I'm mindful of and thankful for the sacrifices of my troops who serve so proudly around the world. They endure the hardship of duty far from home with the quiet professionalism which is the hallmark of our Armed Forces. Since I may have to ask them to make the ultimate sacrifice, it makes all of the

small sacrifices I talked about earlier, tolerable, and it makes me strive to protect this nation by providing a combat ready, effective fighting force in defense of the United States.

So the next time you have to make a small sacrifice, please don't do so grudgingly. Gladly make the small sacrifices to protect this nation so that our families can sleep peacefully at home. Endure those hardships because there are others who are making the ultimate sacrifice right now.

One day, it might be you or me who is asked to make that ultimate sacrifice, which will help preserve the freedom we all so rightly cherish. In short, these sacrifices that I have talked about, which impact our families, are made because of our families.

Let me close by asking you to remember just one thing from this article: Our families come first. We sacrifice for them. Our country is where they live, we have the privilege to help defend it.

Talking trash: 90 CES asks servicemembers to follow the rules, keep it clean

Elizabeth McClain
90th Civil Engineer Squadron

What do hazardous material, mattresses and lawn mowers have in common? They are just some of the problematic goods placed in Warren's dumpsters and trash bins.

"The majority of the dumpsters on base are for government-generated refuse; that is waste materials generated during authorized duty, or through the course of normal living conditions for dormitory and military family housing residents," said Tammy Godfrey, housing functional director.

Military family housing residents are provided weekly home refuse pickup. The pickup schedule is as follows:

The trash for Capehart is picked up no earlier than 7 a.m. on Monday, the bricks on Tuesday, Carlin Heights on Thursday and Atlas East and West is on Friday. If waste is not picked up, contact quality assurance at 773-6114.

"Trash and garbage is to be placed in a tied plastic bag not weighing more than 40 pounds within the bin. This will limit the amount of trash that gets scattered across the base," said Paolo Ornelaz, refuse contract quality assurance evaluator.

According to Mr. Ornelaz there



Courtesy photo

A misused dumpster behind the education center is a huge area of concern for Warren.

are dumpsters on base open for public use. They're located at the base personal car wash, Mustang Field, the family camping area and the base lakes.

"Even the dumpsters open to the public have limitations on what may be disposed of in them. We expect to find items such as soda bottles, fast-food bags, picnic items and so

on. Large home furnishings such as couches, mattresses, appliances, lawn mowers, compost and shop refuse should not be placed in or around these dumpsters," said Mr. Ornelaz.

It is important to be careful when disposing of generic household hazardous materials. It may be a violation of environmental regulations to place this type of material in a dumpster. "Liquids, especially household wastes such as oil and paint must not be disposed of in a dumpster. Doing so results in very high clean-up costs, potential fines and the threat of significant repercussions from the Environmental Protection Agency," said Mr. Ornelaz.

"If the dumpster you normally use for authorized purposes is full, take a few extra minutes to choose an authorized alternate one," said Lt. Col. Joe Ballard, 90th Civil Engineer Squadron commander.

"Continue to take pride in maintaining our beautiful, historic installation."

Helpful phone numbers:

Environmental management flight, 773-2213

Cheyenne Transfer Station, 637-6440.

Laramie County Landfill, 632-8315

Cheyenne Recycling, 635-5986

Airmen's Attic, 773-4106

Government generated hazardous waste disposal:

Laura Kwilinski, 773-4440

Building 944 (base hazardous waste facility), 773-4441.

Moving in/out base housing in need of bulk pickup:

Housing office, 773-5822 or 773-5825

Safe Kids of Wyoming, the Cheyenne Family YMCA, City County Health Department/March of Dimes, Cheyenne Kiwanis, and Wyoming Covering Kids Coalition are sponsoring Safe Kids Day 2005 and Baby Fair scheduled for May 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the local YMCA located on 1426 E. Lincolnnway.

Warren's People Helping People Integrated Delivery System will be

sponsoring an information display at this event.

Activities will begin at 10 a.m. and include a presentation from Mayor Jack Spiker, a child car safety seat check, free bike helmets for children (while supplies last), bike rodeo, door prizes, fire department safety presentations, games, crafts, free prenatal vitamins and free food and drinks donated by the Kiwanis' Kids Here

and Everywhere program.

There will also be water safety taking place in the pool, so parents are reminded to bring swimsuits for their children.

For more information or to be an exhibitor at the event, contact Stephanie Heitsch, injury prevention coordinator at 633-7527.

If interested in assisting with the PHP/IDS Safe Kids Day Display, contact Al Dyke at 773-2879.



FSC supports spouses with Heart Link

Airman 1st Class Lauren Sixbey

Public affairs

The Warren Family Support Center is hosting a free Heart Link seminar for spouses of active duty members Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the FSC conference room.

The program is designed for spouses who have less than five years associated with the Air Force, however anyone may attend, including the active duty member of the spouse, according to Mary Brown, 90th Mission Support Squadron FSC family and life skills consultant.

"I like to think of it as a right decision for spouses," Ms. Brown said.

Information about the mission, finance, personnel, chapel, family advocacy, TriCare and more will be presented during the seminar. It is designed to give spouses an idea of what's going on and what is available at Warren.

"[Heart Link is important] because we recruit individuals but we retain families," Ms. Brown said. "It's also important for the spouse to know what's available to them."

Each participant will be given a goodie bag, handouts and a chance to win door prizes. Breakfast and lunch will also be provided.

For more information or to sign up for Heart Link, contact Ms. Brown at 637-7816.



Briefs

90 MDG disposes of flu virus

Recently it has been reported that a company called Meridian Bioscience Inc. accidentally sent the wrong flu strain to 3,757 labs in the United States and 18 countries.

90th Medical Group had two vials of the Influenza A, sub type H2N2, commonly known as the Asian Flu, in their possession. In response to the Center for Disease Control request, all vials were picked up on April 15 by the 90 MDG biohazard contract for proper disposal. The medical group is no longer in possession of the influenza and all CDC and public health requirements have been met.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Traci Oaks at 773-2930 or Tech. Sgt. Jason Devereaux at 773-3040.

New credit card scam

A new credit card scam has been reported.

A telephone caller states they are from the security department of your credit card company. They claim they noticed unusual purchase patterns on your card and ask if you purchased an anti-telemarketing device for \$497.99 from a marketing company based in Arizona. When you answer "no," they promise a credit to your account and verify your home address, which they read to you. They tell you that they are starting a fraud investigation and ask you to read the three-digit security number from the back of the card to them.

Remember to never give credit card information to unknown persons. Card companies never ask for any of this information, as they should already have it.

Bulk item pickup

The bulk item pickup is scheduled for May 16 in all housing areas.

90th Civil Engineer Squadron will pick up large refuse items such as sofas, washing machines and furniture. They will not pick up items such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioning units, automobile engines/parts/tires, hazardous materials, recyclable materials, compost materials or regular household garbage/trash. Items should be placed at the curb in front of your house by May 16 at 7 a.m.

For more information, see the May 6 Sentinel or contact Paolo Ornales at 773-6101 or the housing office at 773-1840.

Space, air, information warfare centers to integrate capabilities to better support warfighter

Courtesy of Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

The U.S. Air Force is integrating some of its forces to better leverage air, space and information operations combat capabilities to support missions worldwide, Air Force officials announced Tuesday.

Elements of the Space Warfare Center, part of Air Force Space Command, located at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo., will integrate with the Air Warfare Center at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., to become the new USAF Warfare Center. In addition, Air Force officials are looking at what information warfare capabilities might also

fit into the integration. Located at Nellis AFB, the new warfare center will belong to Air Combat Command.

The transformation will occur over the next several months. Details will be coordinated by an ACC/AFSPC working group with a goal of integration by Oct. 1.

No physical movement of units or closing down of facilities is currently planned.

"Integrating elements of the SWC and the AWFC consolidates key Air Force warfighting assets into one organization, which will create a warfighting synergy that increases combat effectiveness and peacetime efficiencies," said Gen. Lance Lord, AFSPC commander.

"This integration will better meet operational requirements for air, space and information operations, ensuring the Air Force continues to provide quality stewardship for America's warfighting assets," he added.

As the consolidation progresses, there will be no interruption to air, space and IO support to the joint warfighter, according to General Lord.

"This integration is another step we're taking to ensure the Air Force has the right mix of air, space and IO capabilities for training and supporting our combat forces. Doing this now will make us even more ready to meet current and future challenges," said Lt. Gen. William Fraser III, ACC vice commander.



Photo by Lorri Welsh

A TAWT A TAW A WINNER

Six-hundred and sixty people from Warren headed south to Six Flags Elitch Gardens April 16 at the Joining Forces event. Nicki Whatley (pictured) won the Six Flags ticket and stuffed Tweety drawing at outdoor recreation and Carol Granger won at the youth center.



Construction Corner

Flagpole area reconstruction is scheduled from Monday to May 9 (dates subject to change). Randall Avenue will be restricted to one lane for westbound traffic only during the demolition and pouring of new crossing pans for North Argonne Drive and North Cannon Drive. Facilities affected include all areas around the flagpole and housing residents 80, 82 and 84.

Warren Airmen base's eyes and ears

1st Lt. Wendy Allison
Anti-terrorism office

All members of the Air Force, military and civilian, have a responsibility to be alert to suspicious activities in or around our installation.

Warren is a popular target for protest activities.

Most protest activities are peaceful anti-nuclear protests, but there are groups that prefer more extreme measures including vandalizing launch facilities.

Be aware of these types of protestors and remember the Eagle Eyes program. The EE program is an anti-terrorism initiative that enlists the eyes and ears of Air Force members and citizens in the war on terror.

Exercise or real world, it is imperative to report any suspicious activity immediately to Warren's Office of Special Investigation at 773-1852 or law enforcement at 773-3501.

Categories of suspicious activities are as follows:

Surveillance. Someone recording or monitoring activities. This may include the use of cameras (either still or video), note taking, drawing diagrams, anno-

tating on maps, or using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices.

Elicitation. People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities or people. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone, or in person.

Tests of security. Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.

Acquiring supplies. Tools, equipment, uniforms, manuals, etc.

Suspicious persons out of place.

Dry run. Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act.

Deploying assets. People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is a person's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.

For more information on anti-terrorism or force protection measures, contact 1st Lt. Wendy Allison at 773-3035.

THE CIVILIAN PAVILION



Photo by Senior Airman Tonnette Boyd

Larry Dygert, recent Air Force Space Command Civilian of the Year, category I winner, briefs a hazardous material class Tuesday.

Matt Cox
Visual information

Larry Dygert's colleagues know why.

"He's the best of the best," said John McDougall, Warren fire chief. "And that's special considering we have a very, very good department."

Mr. Dygert, who two weeks ago found out he won the 2005 Category I Civilian of the Year award for Air Force Space Command, is quite modest when talking about his achievement.

"I'm very humble about it," he said. "I know I don't do anything above or beyond anyone else here."

As a civilian firefighter in the Air Force's best fire department, which won the prestigious Chief Master Sgt. Ralph E. Sanborn Award in January, Mr. Dygert measures

success in quick response to calls and teamwork, not individual accolades.

Mr. Dygert, his wife and supervisors will attend the award banquet at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., April 30.

His diffidence is refreshing and speaks highly of his dedication to his job.

His responsibilities in the firehouse, like his peers, are to provide emergency assistance and fire protection for Warren and many times the city of Cheyenne and surrounding areas.

"We have a great partnership with Cheyenne's emergency providers and assist with many off-base calls," Mr. Dygert said.

The Warren fire department most recently responded to the major, multi-car pile-up on I-80 and the fire in downtown Cheyenne.

Mr. Dygert was recognized at a recent commander's call and received recognition for Warren's leadership, as well as a few coins.

"It does feel good to be noticed, but I still believe I'm just part of a great team," Mr. Dygert said.

"I've just been here for every call. Other than that, I'm just doing my job the best I can like everyone else here. I can't say enough about our department."

Although he's reticent to acknowledge his personal achievements – he's been named civilian of the quarter in the past as well – Mr. Dygert's superiors don't hide their pride.

"He is a great employee and firefighter," said Joseph "Joey" Gregorio, assistant fire chief at Warren.

"He deserves all the credit he gets."

He was nominated for the award when Master Sgt. Joe Walsh, the fire department's assistant chief of training, sent in a packet to the award committee explaining Mr. Dygert's commitment, work ethic and professionalism.

"I didn't know I was even nominated until I was told I won the award," said Mr. Dygert.

As for sharing his secret to success with other civilians, he exudes humility: "I'm not sure about advice for others; I just know that working hard and being dependable is most important. I love my job, so it's a privilege for me to come here everyday and work with these amazing people."

LATIN NIGHT!!

Trail's End Club

Today, 8 p.m.

Dance 'til your feet

hurt!!!!

Salsa

Merengue

Bachata

Spanish Hip Hop

Reggaeton



For more information, contact 1st Lt. Marin-Ruiz at 773-3981 or Tech. Sgt. Nunes at 773-3636.

Do you have a civilian issue that you would like to see in the Sentinel? E-mail Matt Cox at matthew.cox@warren.af.mil.

Warren observes Days of Remembrance

Tech. Sgt. Alan Landers
Historian office

It's hard to dream a worse scenario ... for your faith or ethnicity, being squeezed onto a boxcar with other nameless faces, bound for an unknown destination.

Families torn apart, and separated by many miles, or a fence topped with barbed wire and vigilant soldiers sitting atop a watchtower. For many, that was reality. And for many of those, it began what was a torturous trip to their deaths.

Days of Remembrance, May 1 to 7, remembers what can happen to good people when bigotry, hate and intolerance reign in a society.

In 1925, the book "Mein Kampf" was published. Written by Adolf Hitler, the book detailed Hitler's life as a youth, early days in the Nazi party, his dreams for a new Germany and personal ideas about politics and race. According to Hitler, human beings were divided into higher or lower orders. The higher order, the Germanic male, fair skin, blue eyes, blonde hair, being superior over

all others in the lower orders. On Jan. 30, 1933, Germany appointed Hitler Chancellor of Germany and many Europeans faced the imminent prospect of selection as a "lower order" of humans.

By March 1933, Germans had opened the Dachau concentration camp, followed by Buchenwald, Sachsenhausen and Ravensbruck, a camp for women. The initial camp, Dachau, housed captured political adversaries to the Nazi party, primarily German communists and social democrats. The first year the camp housed 4,800 prisoners. The number rose to over 13,000 in 1937 as other groups were rounded up by German forces such as Jehovah's Witnesses, Gypsies, and repeat criminals. Originally Jewish prisoners were the minority, only imprisoned for belonging to one of the above categories or for violating the Nuremberg Laws of 1935.

The Germans operated several concentration camps within their borders, and many others sprouted up as the German army moved across Europe. After the occupation of Austria in March



Courtesy photos

Prisoners greet liberators at the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp January 1945.

1938, Nazis began arresting and imprisoning German and Austrian Jews. Detainees suffered forced labor under inhuman conditions. Originally inmates worked on small projects in the camp or nearby roads, later being forced to support the German war machine by working in armament factories. Dachau alone managed over 30 subcamps, at which over 30,000 detainees worked almost exclusively on war production.

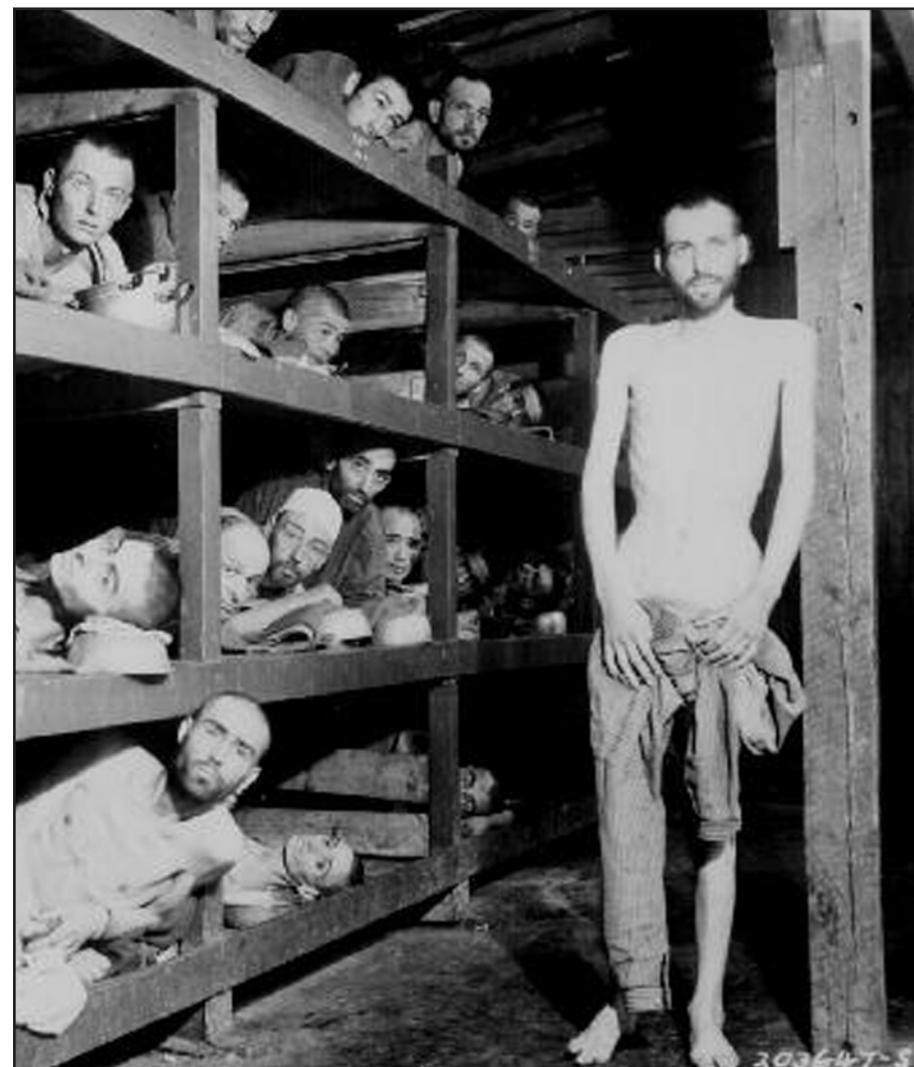
The German army invaded Poland on Sept. 1, 1939. SS leader Reinhard Heydrich issued orders to special action squads operating in Poland that Jews be gathered into ghettos near rail yards for an eventual "final goal." The following month Hitler ordered the "isolation" of Jewish people. Ghettos isolated them from non-Jews by walls and barbed wire fences. Living conditions were crowded and unsanitary, but luxurious compared to that of life inside one of the many concentration camps.

Detainees experienced unthinkable cruelty in everyday life. On a cold winter day they had to wake early and shower in near freezing water. They were reportedly fed as little as one pint of watery soup in the morning, two pints of soup at lunch, and another pint of coffee with bread. Medical experiments took place in some of the camps with no regard for life. Some experiments included high-altitude experimentation using a low-pressure chamber in support of the Luftwaffe, the German air force. So-called scientists, such as the now infamous

Josef Mengele, conducted various experiments on twins, and exposed several "undesirable" ethnic groups to various contagious diseases to determine survivability. Other cruelties included experiments on mass sterilization to find the most efficient method to sterilize those who the Nazis considered "racially inferior."

The lucky ones, if for no other available description, were forced to work long hours with guards watching at the ready or vicious canines at their heels. German guards sometimes shot detainees for sport, or for fun. Inmates endured the stench of death all over the camp or wherever they were forced to work. If prisoners couldn't produce enough or didn't move swift enough they might be shot where they stood.

German leaders questioned what should be done with millions of detained and displaced Jews and others. By the summer of 1941, the fate of the Jews would be sealed. Hitler ordered "The Final Solution" to the Jewish question, the wholesale extermination of the Jewish people. Nazis trapped Jews within the confines of the already established ghettos and then transported them to death camps like Birkenau. Upon arrival, all belongings were left behind. Men and women formed separate lines, where a Nazi officer would conduct a "selection." Healthy people would be designated for forced labor. The sick, disabled, elderly and young



An emaciated prisoner stands in the men's barracks at the Buchenwald concentration camp.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Justin Pyle

QUICK, FAST AND IN A HURRY ...

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Crew chiefs for the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds race to secure F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft with chocks after landing here April 16.



AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND 2005



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3. Continue efforts to develop *Cost-Effective Assured Access to Space*



Fitness Month events

Wrong Hand Racquetball Tournament

The free Wrong Hand Racquetball Tournament is scheduled for May 9 to 13, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Play with your non-dominant hand. Games go to 12 points and a player must win two games. Trophies will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place. Enter by May 6 at Freedom Hall.

Armed Forces Day biathlon

Have fun with a free 10k bike and 5k run on May 21 at 9 a.m. Sign up anytime up to day of the event at Freedom Hall.

Home run challenge

On May 28 at base softball field #2, hit the farthest and win. Trophies awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Sign up at Freedom Hall.

For more information on these events, call 773-6172.

Warren Golf Club offers new 'link up 2 golf' program

Carroll Sharratt
Warren Golf Club

Warren Golf Club is now offering Link Up 2 Golf, a new player program intended to make learning the game simpler, fun and more affordable than ever before.

This industry-wide player development initiative, operated by Air Force Services in association with the PGA of America, National Course Owners' Association and United States Golf Association, focuses on bringing more players to the game and keeping them playing for a lifetime. It is designed to attract new golfers to the game, as well

as infrequent and former golfers.

Link Up 2 Golf provides participants with a solid foundation about the game of golf, including swing mechanics, etiquette, terminology, proper behavior and how to maintain speed of play. For \$99, participants receive eight hours of small group instruction and a variety of on-course playing experiences. Three clinics will be offered, May 9 to 12, 16 to 19, 23 to 26, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

For those who do not have golf clubs, rental clubs and range balls will be provided free of charge during the clinics. Those completing the program will

receive a free polo shirt and ball mark repair tool.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to learn the game of golf, develop good skills and meet new people," said Carroll Sharratt, Warren Golf Club manager. "Link Up 2 Golf provides a relaxed learning atmosphere without the intimidation factor with emphasis on having fun. We look forward to offering this exciting program to members of our community and encourage those who sign up to bring a friend or family member."

For more information about Link Up 2 Golf, call the Warren Golf Club at 773-3556.

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Waiting for warmer weather?

More tips to pass the time, prepare for outdoors

Master Sgt. Jeff Bohn
Public affairs

(This is the second part of a two-part series.)

There are some things Wyoming woodsmen and woodswomen can do during the next month of weird weather and preserve the benefits of a warmer future for enjoying the outdoors.

The final 10 suggestions follow to get the cobwebs out of the cellar, and put some zeal into recreationalists' warm-weather plans.

11. Get healthy before getting hurt. While one may be able to pass their fitness test, it doesn't mean one could pull a boat up a muddy ramp, hike 40 pounds up the side of Bear Mountain or search for antler sheds all day. Consider current health and physical conditioning during the winter months before jumping into spring and breaking one's backside.

12. Get the current year's licenses. Boat tags, recreational vehicle tags, ATV licenses and state park passes need to be reviewed before taking to the outback. New fishing licenses, conservation stamps and other provisional licenses will need to be bought for 2005. While the prices have risen this year, it's still less expensive than a daily ski lift ticket at Breckenridge.

13. Make a goal of discovering at least two new angling areas. Let's face it, folks can get into a rut when they have a couple of well-known prowling areas. Last year alone, four new fishing areas added to an already healthy roster of piscatorial pursuits. If diversity is the spice of life, then the tri-state area is a cornucopia of flavors for the picking if one is willing to shake it up a bit.

14. Find the outdoor resources and pay them a visit. Sports stores aside, agencies like Wyoming Game and Fish, Bureau of Land Management, Department of National Forestry, Wyoming State Parks, and the U. S. Geological Survey office are great starting points -- online or in person -- for one to start exploring their options.

15. Military considerations. Plan and project leave for key vacation periods. With a summer filled with Cheyenne Frontier Days, Peacekeeper Deactivation planning, base exercises and office staffing issues, one must plan in advance to take time off while still completing the mission. Work these details in advance with office leadership to ensure time spent planning isn't wasted on time spent canceling.

16. Take a trip. For those who haven't been to Yellowstone, the Tetons, Devil's Tower or other national landmarks, it would be a shame to come this far and miss out. Old Faithful, the Oregon Trail, or Jenny Lake - It's the West's equivalent to being stationed at the Pentagon, but never visiting the Capitol Mall, a Smithsonian or Arlington National Cemetery.

17. Go local. Consider a short trip if the mystique of the outdoors calls, but it's a whisper more than a war cry. Within a half-hour drive up Highway 210,



one can visit Crystal or Granite reservoirs, Vedauwoo's panoramic trails around hoodoos and rock formations and Curt Gowdy State Park. Amazingly, people who complain there is nothing to do in

Cheyenne have never taken a hike around Turtle Rock.

18. Plan a road trip. There are two Wyoming roads worthy of a

May drive. Highway 130 through the Snowy Mountains and adjoining encampment along Highway 70 over Battle Mountain to the town of Baggs. Both roads are closed for the winter, and depending on snowfall they open toward the end of May. Checking <http://www.wyroad.info/pls/Browse/WRR.RoadClosures> is the best indicator of road status. For the adventurous, full-day trip, continue south from Baggs to Craig, Colo., and track back through the Colorado towns of Steamboat Springs, Walden, Cameron Pass

and down into Fort Collins. It's a trek that requires some planning and an early start, but is arguably one of the most scenic circuits the West has to offer -- nationally renowned in September when the aspen change color.

19. Get in on some early trout fishing. April is the month rainbow and cutthroat trout spawn, and can offer fantastic angler opportunities. Lakes and rivers alike bring these cool-water beauties into the shallows to procreate and is arguably the best time to catch and release a trophy suitable for framing.

20. Get ahead on the to-do list. Few are immune to the spring honey-do list -- self imposed or otherwise. The sooner one knocks these chores out of the way, the sooner recreational opportunities can be put on the front burner, rather than being shelved in lieu of creating relationship bliss. Suck it up for a month and get the garage cleaned out, basement organized and landscape ready for the first spring cutting. One doesn't need senseless interruptions when there is a walleye chop on the water during an SPF 15 day, and 'ole marble eyes are biting.



Warren Airman named 'Best in AF'

QUICK FACTS

Name: Senior Airman Noah Wells

Hometown: Indianapolis, Indiana

Age: 23

Favorite food: Chicken adobo

Favorite movie: "Labyrinth"

Best part about Warren: The people

What award did you win?
Air Force Chaplain Assistant
Airman of the Year.

maintenance for all five of
our buildings.

How did you win?
I won by doing my regular
duties better than anyone
else.

**How do you feel about
being a chaplain's
assistant?**

It's a cool job; I like it. I get
to meet people and work in
the office with chaplains. It's
a pretty cool job.

**What's the best part of
this honor?**
The respect and trust people
give you, knowing you can
do the job right. And a free
trip to D.C., that always
helps.

**What's your favorite part
of the job?**

Everyday is something
different.

**How do you feel about
this award?**
I feel good, happy, proud,
excited: all those things. It's
an honor.

**What are your Air Force
goals?**

I have three years left on
my enlistment. I definitely
want to reenlist. I am
thinking about getting a
commission. But I could
do twenty years either
way, officer or enlisted. I
actually was thinking about
cross training as a combat
controller, but I would really
like to be a firefighter.

**What do you do in your
job?**
Pretty much everything:
funds, readiness, moving
furniture, paperwork,
setting up for services and

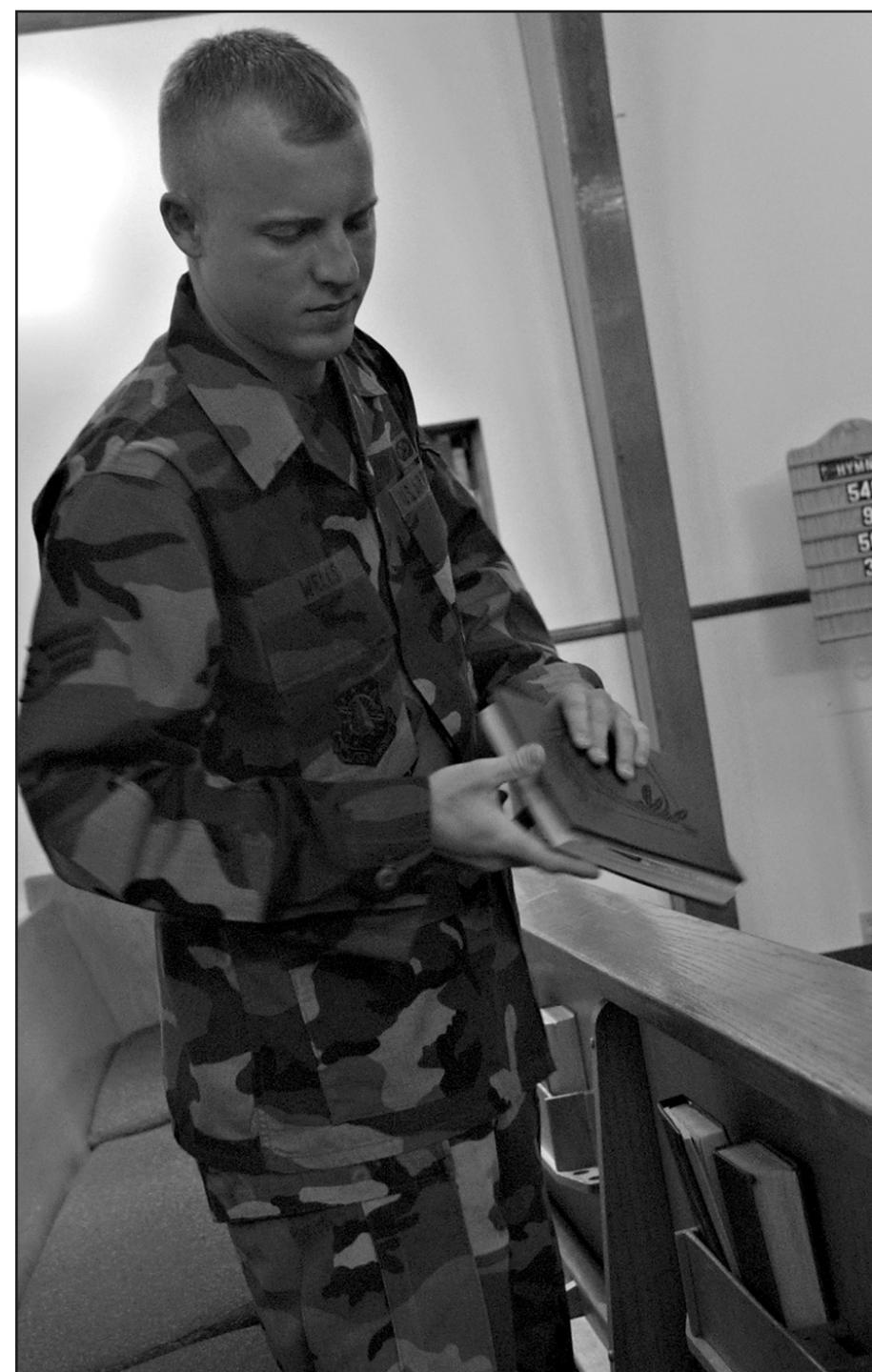


Photo by Airman 1st Class Tessa Cubbon

Senior Airman Noah Wells recently won Air Force Chaplain Assistant Airman of the Year.

"Senior Airman Wells epitomizes the Air Force core values. He is a hard working and dependable chaplains assistant. It's an honor to work with someone of his caliber."

— Staff Sgt. Eric Pauley, 90th space Wing chaplain's assistant



Family Day at Chadwell Dining Facility

Every Sunday is Family Day at Chadwell Dining Facility.

All active duty members may bring their family members with military ID cards to dine at Chadwell, noon to 1 p.m. Also invited are family members of the deployed.

Family members of E1 - E4 active duty are welcome to accompany their sponsor to any and all Chadwell Dining Facility meal times.

Play Texas hold'em poker

Texas hold'em poker is scheduled for Saturday, 2 p.m. at the Trail's End Club.

All entrants receive 50 white, 25 red and 25 blue chips worth \$40,500. The top three players will receive awards.

Door prizes will be given throughout the event. Blinds and antes will be announced at start of play.

Blinds are to the left of dealer and rotate, as does the dealer.

Sign up and pay by today, and the cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for eligible nonmembers.

After today, fees will be \$20 for members and \$25 for eligible nonmembers.

Participants must be at least 18 years old to play. For more information, call the club at 773-3048.

Secretaries' week

The Trail's End Club invites bosses to bring their secretaries to lunch today in honor of Secretaries' Day. The club will have a flower for your guest.

Lunch is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations are not required.

Tea time crafts

Come to the multi crafts skills center every Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. Participants will learn to pour ceramics as well as painting techniques.

Also being offered is a class on scroll saw techniques. There will be two sessions and the cost is \$10.

For more information,

call the multi-crafts center at 773-3754.

Car wash special

Tired of messing around with quarters when that car of yours needs to be washed? Call or stop by the auto skills center and purchase a pre-programmed wash card.

Buy a new car wash card for any amount in April and \$5 additional will be added.

Call the auto skills center at 773-3869.

Swim team looking for members

Warren Waves, the youth swim team is seeking more members ages 17 and younger. They meet Mondays through Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call the aquatic center at 773-3195.

Golf for kids

Kids ages 8 to 13 are invited to learn to play golf June 6 to 9, 27 to 30 and July 11 to 14.

Participants will receive a Golf 4 Kids logo t-shirt, cap, golf towel, neon tee pack and

bag tag, rules and etiquette brochures and a graduation certificate. Children graduating from the program will get a free set of top quality junior clubs to keep. The cost is \$99.

For more information about Golf 4 Kids, call 773-3556.

ODR take trip to "42nd Street"

Outdoor recreation is offering a trip to see the musical "42nd Street" at the Union Colony Civic Center in Greeley on May 7. The cost for the show is \$35 and includes transportation. A limited number of tickets are available. For more information call Outdoor recreation at 773-2988.

Xtreme Bowling

Come to Warren Lanes on Friday and Saturday nights and participate in Xtreme Bowling. Xtreme bowling includes music, laser lights, smoke machines, glow-in-the-dark shoes and glow-in-the-dark pins and balls.

The cost is \$7.50 per lane/

per hour. Bowl Fridays, 9:30 to 11 p.m. and Saturdays, 7 to 11 p.m.

Auto skills stalls

The auto skills center now offers reservations for a patron use stall. The stall can be reserved one business day prior at the standard rate of \$3 per hour. One stall will be available for reservations and this stall will not include a lift. Reserved stalls will be held until five minutes after the reserved time then released to waiting patrons. All other stalls will continue to be offered on a first come first serve basis.

For more information, contact 773-3869.

Photo studio

With warmer weather on the way, now is the time to update your family portrait. Make an appointment now for a family portrait and receive a 15 percent discount on the framing of any portrait you have done.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 773-3754.

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children were bound for the gas chamber. Camps such as Birkenau had capacity for as many as 200,000 prisoners, the gas chambers at the camp were reportedly able to facilitate the deaths of 8,000 to 12,000 daily. By the wars end, over 3 million Jews would be exterminated at death camps, by gas or by bullets.

The tide of the war had turned against German forces well before 1945. As Allied forces moved across Europe, many began to experience concentration camp prisoners, many of which had survived death marches into central Germany. Liberation of the largest concentration/extermination camp, Auschwitz-Birkenau, took place in January 1945. Following the death marches, Soviet soldiers found only a few emaciated prisoners who remained alive, and abundant evidence of mass murder. Retreating Germans managed to destroy large portions of the inhumane operations, but some evidence proved hard to hide. The following weeks and months saw many allied units stumble upon the hard-to-hide German secrets.

In April of 1945, the 6th Armored Division of the U.S. Army arrived to liberate the camp at Buchenwald. Liberators experienced piles of corpses lying unburied and graciously liberated inmates who resembled skeletons from lack of food and demanding forced labor. American forces freed inmates of the Dachau camp on April 29, 1945. When approaching the camp, soldiers found over 30 railroad cars filled with bodies in advanced stages of decomposition. Only after the liberation of the Nazi camps was the full scope of Nazi horrors exposed to the world.

The Aftermath

By the end of 1943, a growing consensus amongst the Allies favored war crimes trials for German leaders and perpetrators. Starting in October 1945, the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg tried 22 major war criminals on charges of conspiracy, crimes against peace, war crimes and crimes against humanity. The court consisted of judges from the Soviet Union, France, United Kingdom and the United States. Crimes against humanity included murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation or persecution based on political, racial or religious grounds. Twelve defendants

including Luftwaffe (air force) head Hermann Goering received death sentences, and three more received life in prison. Three defendants were acquitted.

Following the Nuremberg trial, which ended in October 1946, American authorities conducted 12 further trials of German officials. These trials were known as the Subsequent Nuremberg Proceedings. SS and secret police members, industrialists and doctors faced charges related to mass killings and operation of concentration camps. A special trial dealt with issues related to medical experiments. Other courts in the British, French and Soviet

zones conducted similar military trials in Germany, Austria and Italy, while local courts in countries such as Poland conducted their own trials.

The trials collectively established the legal rule that simply following orders does not excuse actions known to all to be illegal. Although many war criminals received punishment, many escaped. To this day the U.S. Department of Justice maintains the Office of Special Investigations, which in the last 20 years has investigated hundreds of cases of war criminals who immigrated to the United States. Private citizens such as Simon Wiesenthal

and Beate Klarsfeld have also continued to track and facilitate the prosecution of war criminals.

During Days of Remembrance, let us pause in our busy routines and reflect on what happened when the world looked the other way. If you think this can't happen now, simply reflect on what you have heard about Cambodia, Kosovo, Rwanda, and today in Sudan.

Be thankful this hasn't happened here in the United States, and resolve to do what you can to keep it from happening again.

For more information visit www.ushmm.org or www.yadvashem.org.

Days of REMEMBRANCE

Activities • May 1-8, 2005

Candle lighting ceremony at Chapel Activities Center, Building 212 (Monday)
8:30 show time
Candle lighting ceremony with a guest speaker
Refreshments in Fall Hall after ceremony

Nuremberg Trials script reading by legal office (Wednesday)
11 a.m. start time
High Plains Chapel Annex
Excerpts from trial script

Storyboards (Sunday to May 8)
Storyboard depicting chronology from liberation through Nuremberg Trials
Displays set-up at library, BX, commissary, fitness centers, dining facility

Literature display at library (Sunday to May 8)
Appropriate literature covering period of WWII
displayed and available for viewing dining facility

Downtown ceremony at Hershler Building (Thursday) 12 p.m.
Wyoming governor and Cheyenne mayor in attendance
Base Honor Guard to post colors at remembrance ceremony
Base personnel invited to attend

Retreat Ceremony to close out week (May 6)
4 p.m. showtime
Base Honor Guard will perform
ALS and FTAC students to attend in flight

Schindler's List played at Dorm Escape (May 7)

**For more information contact:
Staff Sgt. Michelle Edwards at 773-2725**

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." Anne Frank